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Director's Message

As the new Director of CPC, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the role CPC plays as the human resources office of the NOAA Corps.

All recommendations regarding the careers of NOAA Corps officers from assignments to individual awards—are made by boards of officers. The role of CPC is to facilitate the convening of these boards and to provide them with appropriate documentation (officer personnel files, letters, directives, etc.); to provide guidance to the officers concerned; and to provide guidance to the Director of the NOAA Corps about human resource policies and procedures. A board considers all NOAA Corps personnel actions; the board provides opinions, findings of facts, and recommendations as appropriate to the Director of the NOAA Corps.

The Director of the NOAA Corps approves or disapproves ALL board recommendations, including awards and assignments, with the exception of promotion recommendations. Promotions are approved by the Secretary of Commerce.

Signature

CDR William B. Kearse, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Announcements

Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

The ODU becomes the prescribed uniform for all locations outside the National Capital Region starting February 1, 2008.

<http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/pdf/ODU.pdf>

Ordering Instructions:

1. Click on the following USCG Uniform Distribution Center website:

<https://webstore2.techgap.com/uscgudc/login.jsp?client=uscgudc>

2. Click on "Request/Change Login & Password" and complete Login form.

NOTE: You will need to have your 7-digit Employee ID (EMPLID) number available in order to generate an account.

- Status: Select Other (You will need to type in NOAA Corps Active in the Mailing Address and Comments box).
 - Rank
 - Name
 - EMPLID #: 7-digit number located on LES
 - Password
 - Mailing Address and Comments: (This is the address the UDC will mail your uniforms. Be sure to include "NOAA Corps Active")
 - E-mail Address
 - Contact Phone Number
3. After submitting the form, you will receive a confirmation e-mail (usually within 24-hours) that contains your User Name and Password.
 4. Once you have your User Name and Password, you will need to return to the USCG Uniform Distribution Center website to place your order.
 5. Click on the following links to order ODU items:
 - ODU Uniforms (i.e., trousers, coat, t-shirts)
 - ODU Accessories and attachments (i.e., black belt, buckle, name tape (Comments: Type your last name), ODUNOAA, trouser blouser, sew-on collar device)
 - Shoes/Socks (i.e., socks)
 - Super Boot II (NOTE: Equivalent black boots that meet ANSI Z41-1999 requirements may be purchased in place of Super Boot II)

- NOAA Corps ball caps are expected to be in stock by November 1, 2007 and will need to be ordered from the ACO Custodian using the 2008 ACO Insignia Order Form located on the following website:

<http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/forms/pdfforms/insignia.pdf>

6. Once you submit your order, you will receive confirmation e-mail providing order acknowledgment information.

NOAA Locator

After sending out the request to have officers update their information on the NOAA Locator, it has come to our attention that there are issues with updating some of the information on the form. CPC is currently working with NOAA's Production Control to resolve the issue. A follow-on message will be sent out once the problem has been solved. Thank you for your patience.

Seattle ACO Dining In

Please mark the date of January 5, 2008 on your calendars for the next Seattle ACO Dining In. The event will be held at the Lake Washington Rowing Club. Menu, prices, and other information will be forthcoming as the ACO Board puts together the specifics and places the information online.

Uniform and Awards Board

The next Uniformed and Awards Board Meeting will be held on October 17, 2007. Submissions should be received by CPC no later than COB today. If you need additional information, please contact Neavalv Touray at 301-713-7729.

Uniform of the Day for Special Events

NOAA Leadership Competencies Development Program Graduation-Service Dress Blue

Assignments

The Billet List is been posted on the CPC - Assignments website:
<http://www.noaa corps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html>.

If you should have any questions regarding the Billet List or assignments in general, please contact LCDR John Caskey at 301-713-7748 or assignmentbranch.cpc@noaa.gov.

Promotion Update

The promotion package is at the White House pending approval by the President. It is highly probable the package will be signed by the President this week and forwarded to the Senate early next week when Congress reconvenes. The Senate will review and give their consent to the promotions. After that the package will be returned to the White House and then to the Department. At that time, CPC will prepare and submit the package to promote officers based on vacancies at that time.

Important Information for Officers Eligible for Promotion Year 2008

All NOAA Corps officers are required to have a current (annual or 5 year periodic) physical examination and a current dental exam (class I or class II) on file with the Medical Administration Branch at CPC. The deadline for the submission of medical records for the 2008 promotion year is January 31, 2008. Documentation submitted after the deadline will not be considered for the 2008 promotion year. This may require you to plan and get your physical or dental exams completed before they expire.

Officers should contact LCDR Hobson-Powell in the Medical Administration Branch via E-mail (Elizabeth.hobson-powell@noaa.gov) over the next few weeks to ensure that you have a current periodic physical examination and all required medical documents are on file.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon review of your medical documents, the Medical Administration Branch will notify you via E-mail if additional documents are required.

Approved Retirements

The following officers have approved retirements. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation and wish them the best the next time you see them!

CDR James R. Meigs	November 1, 2007
CAPT Richard S. Brown	December 1, 2007
CAPT George E. White	January 1, 2008
CAPT Gary D. Petrae	January 1, 2008
CAPT Jon E. Rix	February 1, 2008
CAPT Stephen A. Kozak	March 1, 2008
CAPT Sean R. White	July 1, 2008
CAPT John W. Humphrey, Jr.	August 1, 2008

On the Horizon

October 15	Start date for REFTRA 63
October 31	OER end of reporting period for CAPT/CDR
November 30	OER end of reporting period for LCDR/ LT
December 10-14	XO Seminar (Norfolk, VA)
December 15	OERs due at CPC for CAPT/CDR
January 3-4 (tentative)	Corps Values/Leadership Training (Seattle, WA)
January 5, 2008	Seattle ACO Dining In
January 15, 2008	OERs due at CPC for LCDR/LT
January 15, 2008	Documents for OPF due at CPC for officers in selection zones
February 1, 2008	ODU becomes the prescribed uniform to wear aboard ships, marine Centers and small boat assignments.
February 11, 2008	Start date for BOTC 112
January-May, 2008	Billet Review
March 3-7, 2008	Selection Boards for O-6 to O-2

Please see NOAA Corps website for additional information:

Assignments: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html>

Evaluations: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/evaluation.html>

Training: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/training.html>

Uniforms & Awards: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/awards.html>

ODU: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/index.html>